



FRI. EVE. EVENING, DEC. 4, 1903.

**GENERAL CHARLES R. BRAYTON**, member of the republican national committee from Rhode Island, is another republican who is anxious to reduce the Southern representation in Congress for no other reason than the fact that the South is presuming to do what certain northern States have already done—restrict the right of suffrage to such as should be entitled to vote. The laws of Massachusetts regulating suffrage, for instance, are of such a nature that democratic leaders in Maryland are considering the advisability of adopting similar ones for that State. Such individuals on General Brayton do much toward keeping alive sectionalism. Their mission in life seems to be hostile toward the southern section of the country, and they avail themselves of every opportunity to show their aversion toward a peaceable and law-abiding people. But the inconsistency of such persons should be apparent to all. If it is in order to reduce southern representation for the reason that certain cankerous growths have been removed from the body politic, the same reason could be urged for decreasing the representation of certain northern and western States where the same common-sense procedures have been enacted. But the republican party has ever been a paradox, and the role it would now play is in keeping with its past history.

EXPENSIVE funerals are again attracting attention in certain quarters and bringing forth honest protests. The Baptist Preachers' Association of Norfolk and Portsmouth recently took a decided stand against display funerals with costly caskets, lavish mourning, elaborate pageants and the like. The preachers oppose in strong language the display of money in the purchase of high-priced caskets, the reckless disregard of those already heavily in debt, for economy in the purchase of floral tributes and the hiring of numberless vehicles, for which livemen are compelled to demand high charges to meet the expense of maintaining such turn-outs. The unnecessary display at funerals has been opposed from time immemorial by many who are able to bear the expense and who would deny the living nothing that would in any way enhance their comfort and happiness; but equally as many who are unable to bear the burdens of expensive sepulture are prone to embark in lavish expenditures on such occasions, thereby setting an example which their neighbors imitate they are to follow.

**CHAIRMAN BOAZ** of the joint democratic legislative caucus has issued a call for that body to meet in Richmond tonight for the purpose of discussing proposed amendments to the new State Constitution, one to restore the holdover feature of the State Senate; and another to allow commissioners of the revenue to succeed themselves. When these measures were before the constitutional convention it was clearly shown that they would be let alone and allowed to remain as in the old constitution; but the majority thought otherwise. Now the harm done by the convention is apparent, and after the new constitution has been in effect but a year amendments are already being proposed. If any good was done the State by the constitutional convention it has been much more than offset by the harm it has wrought.

IT BECAME known yesterday that a member of the military affairs committee each day carries to the President, for his information, full copies of all the testimony taken in the investigation of Gen. Wood's conduct. The eagerness of the President to meet Mr. Baker before the latter could testify in the case yesterday was apparent to all the members of the committee who are becoming restive at Mr. Roosevelt's persistent efforts to have General Wood's appointment confirmed.

IN SPITE of Secretary Shaw and Senator Frye, Speaker Cannon plainly intimates that there will be no steamship subsidy in this session of Congress for the benefit of Mr. Morgan's mercantile marine trust. What Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, says of the tariff is true also of subsidy. The republicans in Congress are too wise to pass a subsidy bill on the eve of a presidential election.

THE present session of Congress called by the President to pass the Cuban reciprocity bill will develop into the regular session without accomplishing the object of the call and without an intervening adjournment. This shows the President that he can take a horse to water but cannot make him drink.

THE Standard Oil Company has again advanced the price of petroleum five cents per barrel. Mr. Rockefeller evidently wants some Christmas money.

Texas has another big oil field at Big Hill, near Matagorda, which promises to exceed even the world-famous Spindletop, at Beulah.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.

After a conference among republican House leaders, the plans looking to the adjournment of the present session have been changed. It was the original intention to recess over until 11 a. m. Monday, to remain in session until noon, then adjourn the called session by one drop of the gavel, and immediately reconvene in regular session by another. This ceremony has been abandoned as unnecessary. The House will meet tomorrow to receive the Speaker's announcement of committee assignments. Then floor leader Payne will move that the House adjourn. There will be no recess whatever to the called or the regular session. The House will simply adjourn until Monday noon. When it shall meet again at that time, the extra session, by virtue of the constitutional provision requiring Congress to convene in regular session at noon on the first Monday in December, will be at an end. The adjournment on Saturday will be in the called session, the convening on Monday will be in regular session. There has been no understanding between the House and Senate on the subject, but the House leaders are so sure of the correctness of their position that they deem further conferences unnecessary.

It is reported that Senator Hanna has definitely decided not to accept the chairmanship of the republican national committee for another term, and that he will so inform the President this evening. The President and Mr. Hanna are expected at this meeting to agree upon someone for the chairmanship. It is believed that Mr. Hanna will insist on the retention of Perry Heath as secretary of the committee until the close of his term, which will be at the time of the national convention.

The members of the North Carolina Editors Association in annual session here, were received by Speaker Cannon in the lobby immediately upon adjournment today. The speaker is a North Carolinian by birth, and had a pleasant word to say to the editors and their wives.

Following the action of the House, the Senate at 12:35 adjourned until tomorrow. Should the House tomorrow decide to adjourn the extra session sine die, and adopt a resolution to that effect the Senate will thus be ready to receive it. Such a resolution is not, however, expected and the probabilities are that after a brief session tomorrow the Senate will take a recess until shortly before noon Monday, and that the extra session will be allowed to merge into the regular session.

Speaker Cannon was an early caller at the White House today, coming in response to a summons from the President. "The President sent for me to talk over a little matter," he said, "and I came a-running. Tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon," he continued, in response to a question regarding the time of his announcement of the committee assignments, "as the old colored man said at the meeting, 'five weeks from next Lord's day, divine service will be held here, the Lord permittin', and the Lord not permittin', five weeks from next Lord's day, now.' So tomorrow at twelve noon, now. There is a little clerical work to be done; that's all. I wanted to get the committees in the new directory; otherwise I would not announce them so soon, perhaps. But they are all fixed up; I've had plenty of time, and I guess the job will do."

Local friends perpetrated a joke on W. Godfrey Hunter who is known as Kentucky's "gunshoe" politician, and who was sworn in as successor to the late Congressman Boring today. On his desk he found a huge bouquet of chrysanthemums and American Beauties, attached to which by handsome silk strings were a pair of huge gum shoes, and a pair of smaller rubber boots. No one enjoyed the joke more heartily than Representative Hunter, himself.

Representative Shirley, of Kentucky, introduced a bill in the House today to reduce the tax on whisky from \$1.10 to 70 cents.

The Postoffice Department having ruled the other day that National Guard organizations are not entitled to free use of the mails, although the privilege has heretofore been granted the Representative Maynard, of Virginia introduced a bill in the House today to save the situation by making such practice lawful.

Rear Admiral Harrington, commanding the Norfolk navy yard, telegraphed the Navy Department as follows regarding the submarine torpedo boats Moccasin and Adder: "Moccasin on beach south of Currituck life saving station about 100 yards out. No life lost. Yankton has gone there. Weather now moderate." Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron in Hampton Roads sent the following message: "Peoria arrived with Adder. Moccasin adrift on coast south of Cape Henry. All crew saved. Reports very heavy sea. Yankton gone to hunt for her."

Anonymous letters circulating around Washington deal with the affairs of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Most of them indirectly attack Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks's methods of administering the affairs of that organization. The point at issue seems to be the disposition of the case of Miss Baird-Huey, who has for three years clamored for a vindication from certain charges alleged to have been made against her. Her opponents are some of the best known and most influential women in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Fairbanks with Miss Baird-Huey and her contentions, but Mrs. Roberts, of Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, asserts that there is nothing in Miss Baird-Huey's assertions. A number of women in Pennsylvania have caused Mrs. Fairbanks to be informed that if she continues to afford Miss Baird-Huey channels for the agitation of her claims they will work to prevent the vote of the Pennsylvania delegation in the national republican convention being cast for Senator Fairbanks for Vice President. They declare they have sufficient influence with men of their families to accomplish this purpose.

The races at Benning will close tomorrow after a most successful run. The attendance today was large and a big crowd is expected on the closing day.

Rumors that a split is imminent between the President and Senator Hanna, growing out of the latter's fight upon General Wood and the belief that he will insist upon the retention of Perry Heath as secretary of the national republican committee, are in circulation here. Senator Arthur P. Gorman, who has been staying at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, recently, returned to Washington last night. While in New York Senator Gorman had a talk with a

number of prominent democratic leaders who called upon him.

Commissioner Macfarland today recommended for favorable action to his associates on the board of District Commissioners Senator Martin's bill to provide for construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac river from Washington to Arlington at a cost of not less than \$5,000,000.

Representative Livernash, the union labor member from California introduced a resolution in the House today reciting that the present revolution has endangered full transit across the Isthmus of Panama in violation of treaty obligations, and resolving, therefore, "First, That it is the duty of the United States to demand that the government of Colombia and the government of Panama shall in their relations with each other refrain from interference with the freedom of transit across the isthmus. "Second, That the United States hereby disclaims intention to impair or limit the sovereignty of the Republic of Colombia; and disclaims intention to support the Republic of Panama against the Republic of Colombia, and disclaims intention to interfere in the relations of the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Panama with each other further, or otherwise, than shall be necessary for protection of the right and discharge of the duty of the United States under the convention of 1846."

The recognition of the new Panama republic by the United States is made complete and of official record today in the issue of the December diplomatic list. Under the head of "Panama," which in the pamphlet follows Venezuela, and precedes Turkey, Uruguay and the Dominican Republic, the new Minister's name and title are given as follows: "Senor Don Philippe Bunau-Varilla, envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary."

General Reyes, the Colombian envoy, will be presented to President Roosevelt tomorrow at the White House by Secretary Hay.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate today was one by Mr. Foraker appropriating \$100,000 for the appropriate marking of the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in northern prisons.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Rev. George D. Morgan, rector of Christ Church, of New Haven, Ct., was yesterday elected bishop-coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield, Illinois.

Manufacturers of bar iron east of Pittsburgh have decided to cut the output 50 per cent, and run the mills on part time for an indefinite period. At \$9 a ton the demand has fallen off steadily since last spring.

Pope Pius X. has found that several millions were loaned by the late Pope Leo in the restoration of the private patronies of a number of aristocratic families, members of which had been faithful to the Holy See.

There was terrific excitement on the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges yesterday on receipt of the government crop report, and new high records were made, the extent of the transactions being enormous.

One of the United States Government's torpedo boats was stranded yesterday four miles from the Currituck life saving station, on the North Carolina coast. Another was saved by tugs sent to the assistance of the vessel.

Bishop Abiel Leonard, head of the Episcopal Church in Utah and Nevada, died yesterday of typhoid fever. Bishop Leonard was born at Lafayette, Mo., June 26, 1848. In 1888 he was consecrated bishop of the missionary district of Nevada and Utah, which was later enlarged by the addition of Western Colorado. Bishop Leonard is survived by a widow and five children.

Seeking revenge on his sweetheart, whom he believed intended to discard him, added to which he believed that she had taken the money he had given her for wedding finery and sent it to Italy to another sweetheart to pay his passage to this country, Lucie Curato, an Italian, twenty-nine years old, in Washington yesterday attacked with a knife and probably fatally wounded Rosa Curato, mother of his prospective bride.

## COURT OF APPEALS.

Following is a summary of the cases decided in the Court of Appeals yesterday:

By Judge James Keith (president): Ellinger vs. Commonwealth. Circuit Court of Accomac county. Affirmed. City of Newport News vs. Brown. Corporation Court of the city of Newport News. Reversed.

City of Norfolk vs. Griffith-Powell Company. Circuit Court of the city of Norfolk. Reversed. Headrick vs. McDowell et al. Circuit Court of Pittsylvania county. Affirmed.

By Judge R. H. Cardwell: Musgrave et al. vs. Pope's executors. Circuit Court of Southampton county. Reversed.

By Judge George M. Harrison: Southern Railway Company vs. Hall's administrators. Circuit Court of the city of Lynchburg. Reversed. Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Wade. Circuit Court of Franklin county. Affirmed.

Brown's guardian vs. Strother's administrator. Circuit Court of Loudoun county. Affirmed. By Judge Stafford G. Whittle: Riverside Cotton Mills vs. Lanier. Corporation Court of the city of Danville. Affirmed.

City of Richmond vs. Gallego Mills, Law and Equity Court city of Richmond. Affirmed. Preston et al. vs. Davis's executors. Circuit Court of city of Lynchburg. Reversed.

Of the cases decided the one of greatest local interest was that of The City of Richmond versus The Gallego Mills Company, in which the awarding of the Law and Equity Court, judgment of \$7,500 damages for injury to an old sewer was affirmed. This ends a long litigation, which has cost the city much money.

Petitions for appeals, &c.: Phillips vs. Hinchman. Circuit Court of Alexandria County. Appeal refused. The proceedings in the court yesterday were as follows:

Weeks vs. Scall; further argued and submitted. Tench vs. Gray; argued and submitted. White Hall Company vs. Hall; argued and continued.

Next cases to be called: Hancock vs. White Hall Tobacco Warehouse Company; Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, vs. Beale et al.; Richmond Traction Company vs. Williams, being Nos. 40, 31, and 32 on argument docket.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

C. C. Johnson, contractor, was yesterday sentenced at Norfolk to four years in the penitentiary for forging his wife's will.

Capt. Autrobus Bond, one of Petersburg's oldest and best-known citizens, died yesterday at his residence on Brown street, in the house in which he was born.

Miss Mabel Virginia Reed, daughter of Thomas Reed, of Sycamore, Loudoun county, and Mr. Francis Joseph Sumner, of England, but lately a resident of Washington, were married on Wednesday at the bride's home.

Enos Coran, aged 22 years, who claims residence in Warrenton, was committed for court in Baltimore yesterday after he confessed the larceny of two gold watches from a college boardinghouse in that city, where he had been employed. The prisoner stated that he was ill and had no money and, having lost his position, stole the watches in order that he might procure food and lodging.

Mr. Robert W. Suttle, a farmer of King George county, has been sick for several months with typhoid fever and was unable to look after the work on his farm. A few days ago his neighbors gathered, went into his cornfield, shucked nearly 50 barrels of corn and hauled it for him. The movement was led by one of the ministers in the county, who did his share of the work.

The first indictments under the Barksdale pure election law, those growing out of the recent Henrico county primary, have been quashed. The three magistrates before whom the cases came for trial yesterday created a sensation by sustaining a demurrer and quashing all of the indictments. The plea was made in the case of the treasurer-elect, W. J. Todd, that under the present law grand juries can take cognizance only of misdemeanors defined in the statutes prior to March, 1896. The Barksdale law prohibiting the use of money and whisky in elections was not passed until last year. After quashing the indictments the justice issued bench warrants. The two cases against Todd were heard and dismissed. One charged the use of money and the other treating. The other cases were continued until next Wednesday. The Hechler-Brainer case comes under the jurisdiction of the Richmond city courts. The general opinion is that there will not be any convictions. The rulings of the justices that they alone have jurisdiction may be taken to the county court.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

The Senate yesterday spent the session in revising the bills putting the new judiciary system in operation.

Some time was spent on the bill putting the new Circuit Court system into operation, but it was not disposed of. A number of bills revising the code were passed, and several local measures were introduced.

The much-sought-for measure to eliminate the "mashroom" social clubs, and at the same time not work a hardship on the regularly established clubs, is believed to have been found in the Shackelford bill, adopted by the finance committee of the Senate yesterday. The most effective feature of the new bill is the provision that no social club shall be chartered until it is first approved by the judge of the Circuit Court.

Senator Garrett offered, and the Senate adopted, an amendment which reduces the amount liquor distillers may sell to parties other than dealers from two gallons to one gallon. Heretofore distillers have been forbidden to sell less than two gallons, but under the amendment offered yesterday the quantity is reduced.

## HOUSE.

As stated in yesterday's Gazette the House ordered to its engrossment the Jordan Bill to break the Baylor survey, and it will be passed today.

The only amendment to the bill which was adopted was that providing for a commission to carry out the provisions of the bill for renting the depleted oil grounds. Those named in the amendment are E. C. Jordan, W. D. Cardwell, S. Wilkins Mathews, A. D. Watkins and Julian Bryant. This is practically the commission appointed by the legislature to investigate and make the report.

The matter will be more closely fought out in the Senate than it was in the House.

An interesting report has been formulated by the Board of Fisheries that may have a strong influence on the future of the bill. It will show that a large part of the white tongs are planters on a small scale and desire more land; that a large proportion of the tongs are delinquent in paying their license taxes, and that the prejudice is so strong in certain counties that magistrates and other officers cannot be counted on to enforce the law.

None of the members-elect of the next legislature lose their seats through failure to comply with the clause of the Barksdale election law requiring the filing of statements concerning their campaign expenses. The time expired at midnight, and an examination of the papers in Secretary Eggleston's office shows that all of those elected complied with the legal requirements. Many of the defeated candidates have entirely ignored the law, which imposes a fine of \$1,000 on them for failure to send in their statements. This is largely due to ignorance as to the requirement, and it is not known what steps will be taken in the matter of prosecution.

WILDCAT IN A BOX.—President Roosevelt yesterday gave the National Zoo a large wildcat, which was sent him by some unknown admirer in Georgia. The animal was wild and fierce, and his unexpected delivery at the White House created a small panic among the servants, who feared that he would escape from the box in which he was shipped. The box was dumped on the front porch at the White House, and remained for some time before any one could be found who would sign a receipt for it. When the President learned of the strange gift he hustled the animal to the Zoo with his compliments.

## One Hundred Dollars a Box

is the value H. A. Midale, Summerton, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 30 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me. It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, hemorrhoids, hemorrhoids, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by all druggists."

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Legislature.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Dec. 4.—The bill to raise Auditor Mayes's salary from \$3,000 to \$4,000 failed in the House today, but was reconsidered and passed by.

Mr. Folkes offered in the House a separate bill to define "principal" offices of railway companies and declared that he would renew the fight.

The bill to confirm the sale of a part of the Alexandria almshouse property to the Washington-Southern Railway Company has passed both houses.

The Jordan oyster bill passed the House, yeas 42, noes 25.

## Death of Judge Springer.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Ex-Representative Wm. M. Springer, of Illinois, died here this morning of pneumonia. Judge Springer caught a severe cold while in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day. He left there, coming direct to Washington and was taken immediately to his bed. The cold developed into pneumonia. When his physicians left the bedside at 2 o'clock this morning, it was thought the crisis was over. Suddenly, however, about 3:30 he ceased to breathe. His son, who was in attendance, many every effort to revive him, without avail. The end came very peacefully. He leaves a widow and one son, Chaplain Ruter Springer, of the army. The funeral will be held Monday, probably from the Metropolitan M. E. Church. Temporary interment of the remains will be made in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Springer was born in Sullivan county, Ind., May 30, 1836. He was a member of the Illinois State Legislature in 1871 and 1872. He was elected to the 44th Congress and served continuously in that body up to and including the 53rd Congress, as a democrat. After the expiration of his last term he took up the practice of law in Washington. In 1894 President Cleveland appointed him Judge of the Supreme Court in Oklahoma territory, and he served in that capacity for four years.

## Dog Feasted on Wounded Master.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 4.—David Simmons, of Spencer, was partially eaten by his dog, which is also believed to have killed him, after Simmons had been accidentally wounded while hunting. Simmons started out Sunday with his gun and two dogs. When he did not return after the second day search was instituted. The larger dog came home Wednesday with his head covered with blood. After diligent search Simmons' dead body was found with one leg almost totally eaten away. A bullet wound showed that he had been shot while hunting, in which it is thought the dog attacked his wounded master, being crazed by the smell of blood, and finally killed him. The small dog stood faithful guard and had not a drop of blood on its head.

## Unfavorable Reports of Kaiser's Condition.

Berlin, Dec. 4th.—An article which appears in the official newspaper, Preussische Correspondenz, today, regarding the condition of Emperor William, has again given rise to the fear that his majesty is in a most precarious state. The paper says that his progress is far from satisfactory, and the healing of his wound will take a long time. The Kaiser is unable to talk, as it has been reported he could, and can merely whisper a very little. His Majesty carried on his conversations by means of notes written in pencil on slips of paper. His friends, says the paper, find him looking worn and aged. Coming, as it does, from an official source, this information renders noteworthy the official reports of the past few days, which have been markedly unfavorable.

## Restricted to the German Language.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The fight against the American "bugbear" in Germany has reached a stage where it approaches the ludicrous. An agitation is now on for the issuance of an order prohibiting the officers of steamers of the German lines which cross the Atlantic from using the English language. If Americans travel on German steamships and wish to make inquiries of the officers they would thus be compelled to talk German. The agitation has been started by the administration of a reprimand to Captain Hagemann, of the North German Lloyd line Kaiser Wilhelm II., for opening a concert on board the vessel in the English language. The fact that 90 per cent of the passengers were Americans did not affect the reprimand in the least.

## Won't Obey Will.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Frank Nissen was something of a joker during his lifetime, and, although he has been dead two years, he gets his little joke on the Nissen family on the third day of every December. It was on that date that he was born. In his will there was a clause which provided that on every anniversary of his birth his wife and their sons should "several glasses drink in social joyful humor." As Mr. Nissen well knew, his wife and their sons are strict temperance advocates.

"That's one of father's jokes," said the elder boy yesterday. "We didn't observe it last year, and we don't propose to this year. He knew we wouldn't." The Nissen live at Luray and A streets, Feltonville.

## Rumored Impending Revolt.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—It is learned from a diplomatic source that several of the European powers have been informed by their representatives at St. Petersburg that the internal condition of Russia is worse than ever before in its history. The discontent induced by famine, and lack of employment has reached the point where a revolutionary outbreak seems imminent. It is regarded as certain that the winter cannot elapse without a terrible outbreak involving widespread bloodshed.

## Postoffice Cases.

Baltimore, Dec. 4.—There was the same crowd at the trial of C. E. Upton and Thomas McGregor for alleged postal frauds in connection with the puch contract with C. E. Smith, of Baltimore. An attempt was made to introduce the alleged confessions of McGregor and Upton, made to General Bristow in his office, but objection was made and the balance of the day will likely be devoted to argument of the question of whether the statements are admissible, as they were made when the other alleged conspirators were not present.

## The Market.

Georgetown, Dec. 4.—Wheat 75 1/2.

## Stranded Submarine Boat.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 4.—The submarine torpedo boat Moccasin which got adrift from the tug Peoria, off Little Island life saving station yesterday and went ashore near Currituck station last night, has been boarded, but there is no life aboard of the vessel. Captain Parker and his crew of life savers succeeded in getting aboard shortly after the vessel stranded and again this morning. Observer Drinkwater, of the Currituck weather bureau, waded out to the vessel at ten o'clock this morning, and succeeded in getting into her. He reports that there is not a drop of water in the vessel, and she is apparently uninjured. The Moccasin is one hundred yards off shore at high tide. A stiff northwest gale is blowing this morning, raising a heavy sea. At high tide and a calm sea the vessel can be floated. The auxiliary cruiser Yankton, which made a futile effort to rescue the vessel yesterday, has gone to render any aid possible again this morning.

## Injured by Gas Explosion.

Pittsburg Pa. Dec. 4.—About 10:30 this morning an explosion of gas occurred in the large drug store of Mays Bros., on Market street. The store was thronged with customers and clerks and many were overcome by shock and fumes. Policemen were quickly on the scene and, with the aid of others, opened windows and exits. Several of the victims are reported in a serious condition. Some have not yet regained consciousness.

## Killed in Dispute Over a Penny.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 4.—In an controversy over the earnings of a slot machine, Irvine Crumbaugh, a bartender, last night shot and instantly killed Dudley Williamson, a customer. The trouble started over a penny which Williamson claimed Crumbaugh failed to give him in making change. Williamson was shot twice, one bullet penetrating the heart, the other severing the jugular vein.

## New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 4, 11 a. m.—The stock market this morning was a disappointment to those who had looked for some reaction after the extensive dealings and sharp advances of yesterday. On the contrary the fluctuations were of the most ordinary character and after every small concession the course of prices was toward a higher level. The strength was practically uniform. It was announced that the market had been practically cleared of the syndicate's unsold holdings of United States steel bonds. In addition there was repetition of recent rumors with regard to a settlement of the Gould-Cassatt controversy and reports of the probable carrying out of the plan for unification of the Gould properties. The speculation was active after the first half hour and the concessions from best prices were only trivial.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

Fire destroyed the F. P. Smith wire and iron works building, in Chicago, last evening, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

Ignoring the protests that have been poured in upon him from nearly every trades organization in Philadelphia, A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, refuses to rescind the order under which through passenger trains run around Philadelphia and make that city a way station.

A "runner" for the Merchants' National Bank in Baltimore was robbed in the p. office this morning. He had nine registered letters just received. It was rumored that they contained \$118,000. President Thomas, of the bank, declares that the amount was not over \$2,000.

The cotton situation is very serious in Rhode Island. The recent skyrocket advance in prices of cotton, some of the manufacturers say, means one of two things—there must be a marked curtailment of production and wages must be cut, or they will run their plants at a money loss.

Fire gutted the hotel of James H. Curran, at New Brunswick, N. J., this morning. The proprietor and the guests were asleep when the flame started and they escaped with difficulty. One of the guests was badly burned while hanging out of a window. He was rescued with the aid of a scaling ladder. An exploding lamp started the blaze.

Three negroes and a white man attacked the crew of a Pennsylvania freight train last night at Rahway, N. J. They were refused a ride in the caboose and the tramps tried to wreck the car. A general fight followed in which the crew captured one of the men, tied him with ropes and brought him to New Brunswick. He is believed to be one of the men wanted for the murder of John Hunt.

At a meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy at Houston, Texas, yesterday, a resolution introduced by Mrs. Margaret Foster thanking President Roosevelt for "vindictive" the South and upholding the right of secession" by his recognition of Panama, was unanimously adopted.

The tugboat D. S. Arnot rammed and sank the tugboat Jose Russell in North river at New York this morning. The crew of the Russell were rescued.

A large quantity of holiday goods were destroyed by fire at Schenectady, N. Y., today. Loss \$200,000.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

It is learned that King Peter of Serbia intends to erect a church at Topola in honor of the memory of his grandfather, Kara-George, who is buried there.

A dispatch received at Berlin from Seoul, via St. Petersburg, this morning, states that M. Likote, of the Korean Ministry of War, has been executed. His offence is not given.

While a cage in a mine shaft at Mennege, Belgium, was being hoisted to the surface today, the cable parted and 11 miners were killed by the crashing of the cage to the bottom of the mine.

Captain Alfred Dreyfus, speaking of the efforts being made in his behalf to an intimate friend, stated that if his case was revised, as he hoped, he would demand reintegration in the French army, and then immediately resign.

M. Pelletan, French Minister of Marine, during the course of a speech at a dinner in Paris yesterday evening said that would be easier than to take Gibraltar from the British. He said the fortress was one to laugh at.

It is announced at Madrid today that Senor Vilaverde, Premier of the Ministry, which yesterday resigned, will attempt to form a new ministry. If he does not succeed General Azcaraga, who is a Filipino, will be asked to take the premiership.

The Manchester, Eng., Dispatch today asserts that England has purchased the Chinese battleships Libertad and Constitution merely to prevent Russia from obtaining them. The admiralty, says the dispatch, will probably re-sell the vessels to Japan.

A howling gale has been raging along

## MEDICINAL.

## Lots More Like It.

## Plenty More Proof Like This and All From Alexandria People.

No chance for argument here. No better proof can be had. What an Alexandria man says is the best evidence for Alexandria people. Read this case.

John T. Langley, carpenter, of 211 Queen street, says: "For two long years, if attacks of pain and weakness across the small of my back were not continual I never knew the moment when one spell was leaving just as mysteriously as it came and another was slowly stealing on so that I can safely say constant aching existed. On account of it as a rule I was unable to stoop or walk any distance and often was confined to the house for days. During an attack, while reading a newspaper I happened to read an advertisement about Doan's Kidney Pills which led me to go to E. S. Leadbeater & Son's drug store for a box. After four or five doses I noticed they were acting directly upon my kidneys and I continued with a good deal more confidence in the preparation than when it came to my notice. As far as I can judge after a course of the treatment, there does not remain a trace of my old trouble. I have been employed at very heavy work and my back has stood the strain without a symptom of weakness. I have told more than one friend and acquaintance about the results I received from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills and I will be only too pleased to recommend them whenever opportunities present themselves."